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SUBJ: PLYWOOD AND GSP PRODUCE STRANGE BEDFELLOWS

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1. KOREAN PLYWOOD INDUSTRY CONTINUES TO BE CONCERNED OVER THE IMPACT OF GSP (GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES) ON KOREAN EXPORTS OF PLYWOOD, FACE UNFINISHED - TSUS NUMBER 240.25, TO THE U.S. AS DISCUSSED REFTELS; KOREA IS EXCLUDED FROM GSP ELIGIBILITY FOR THIS PRODUCT BY REASON OF SUPPLYING MORE THAN 50 PERCENT OF TOTAL U.S. IMPORTS OF THIS PRODUCT.

2. KOREAN PLYWOOD INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION (KPIA) HAS CONFIRMED A STORY IN A LOCAL TRADE PUBLICATION THAT KPIA IS SENDING A DELEGATION HEADED BY KPIA PRESIDENT CHO, MIN-HA, TO A MEETING OF THE IMPORTED HARDWOOD PRODUCT ASSOCIATION (IHPA) OF THE U.S. SLATED TO OPEN IN FLORIDA ON MARCH 18. AS DEPICTED BY THE NEWS ITEM, AND CONFIRMED BY KPIA SOURCES, THE KOREAN INDUSTRY HAS LARGELY ABANDONED EFFORTS TO SEEK GSP ELIGIBILITY FOR
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KOREA ON THIS ITEM AND WILL SEEK INSTEAD TO JOIN FORCES WITH

ELEMENTS OF THE U.S. PLYWOOD INDUSTRY INTERESTED IN HAVING THIS
ITEM DELETED FROM THE GSP LIST.
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